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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:MEETING WITH IDI AMIN: BACKGROUND AND TALKING
POINTS

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1. FURTHER TO PARA 4 REFTTEL, ONE OF HIGH POINTS OF
SESSION OF UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ENDED MARCH
10 WAS ITS DECISION PURSUANT TO SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL
PROCEDURES TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE SITUATION
WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA. STUDY IS TO BE
CARRIED OUT BY "AN EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITY" WHO IS
TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CONSULTA-
TION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION. HRC DECISION PROVIDES THAT THE DESIGNA-
TED AFRICAN PERSONALITY "WILL ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA" IN CARRYING OUT HIS THOROUGH STUDY

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AND REPORT TO THE HRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL. DISCUSSION OF HRC DECISION INVOLVED
ASSUMPTION THAT AFRICAN PERSONALITY WOULD MAKE THREE
SEPARATE TRIPS TO KAMPALA. AS OF PRESENT DATE THE
EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITY HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN.
THIRTY-FOURTH HRC SESSION CHAIRMAN, CHIEF JUSTICE KEBE
M'BAYE OF SENEGAL, IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SOUNDING OUT

POSSIBILITIES. DECISION TO UNDERTAKE STUDY WAS TAKEN WITH CONCURRENCE OF UGANDAN DELEGATION AT HRC.

2. IN MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION ON THIS POINT, WHICH, AS INDICATED, WILL BE AT YOUR DISCRETION, AMBASSADOR SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO THE PRODUCTION OF A FAIR AND COMPLETE STUDY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA. THIS MEANS THAT AFRICAN PERSONALITY WHO WILL CONDUCT STUDY MUST BE GIVEN FULL COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA TO ENABLE HIM TO OBTAIN ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PRODUCE A COMPLETE STUDY. WE REGARD RESULT OF THIS CRITICAL PROJECT BY THE HRC AS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE IN DETERMINING OUR FUTURE POLICIES VIS-A-VIS UGANDA. CHRISTOPHER

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